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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

It is not not my custom to respond to every shade of political error on the part of Lesbian and Gay publications, but your last two issues both contained columns entitled "Sophisticated Gay and Lesbian Traveler," and then went on to tout the attractions of the city of New Orleans, and the surrounding Louisiana country-side. The very title of the column gives lie to its pretense: No 'sophisticated', let alone self-respecting lesbian or gay traveler should even consider visiting Louisiana, the state with the single most restrictive abortion law in the United States. Louisiana's law provides for doctors performing abortions to be fined \$100,000 and to be sentenced for 10 years in prison. It would only allow abortions to save a woman's life, or under strict guidelines, in cases of rape or incest. Louisiana is also the state that very nearly elected Ex-Klansman David Duke to the United States Senate. In essence, Louisiana is a reactionary backwater peopled by political Neanderthals. To endorse with such enthusiasm the pumping of our tourist dollars into that state demonstrates insensitivity at best, gross ignorance at worse.

Rather than pump up Louisiana's economy with Gay/Lesbian Money I suggest that we all give Louisiana's Toll-free tourist Line (800-33-GUMBO, 24 hours a day) a call and tell them what we think of their law. I also suggest that if we must go Carnival next year that we try Rio instead.

Vincent M. Quackenbush

San Francisco

Editor's response: PATLAR strives throughout the magazine, and especially in the FORUM, to offer a safe space for the expression of the full diversity of views within the Lesbian and Gay community, from liberal to conservative. Although the publisher and editor reserve the right to edit or reject material which they consider to be in poor taste or which might re-

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ON THE COVER

At a Marin Lesbian/Gay family campout, parents Liz Fenimore (center) and Julie Spotts (far right) with children Ursula, 10, Sarah, 17, and Aaron, 5, enjoyed many fun activities. Liz and Julie have recently won a custody battle for Aaron, highlighting the new legal successes for Lesbian and Gay parents. Their story will appear in future issues of PATLAR. ♡

sult in legal action, we do not impose tests of political orthodoxy.

That said, I personally have had the privilege of experiencing the warmth and energy of the Lesbian and Gay community of New Orleans. I would emphatically support any steps they took to challenge the new abortion law, and I believe your Tourist Line call-in strategy could be an effective means to bring national pressure to bear. Nevertheless, censoring a travel column by refusing to run its coverage of Louisiana does not communicate the message you desire; it's merely silence. No opportunity for our current discussion would have existed.

Similarly, before boycotting all of Louisiana because it nearly elected an ex-Klansman (or North Carolina for Helms or Illinois for the LaRouchites...), I'd note that supposedly enlightened California has managed to elect and retain such homophobes as William Dannemeyer, John Briggs, Bob Dornan, and John Doolittle. In my view, just as it is important to be "out and outraged" at Disneyland in Dannemeyer's backyard, so should we make our presence felt in David Duke's.

Dear Editor:

I very much enjoyed reading Nancy Lyn Define's "Socially Hip" in the September 1991 PATLAR! Her personal take on the PC angle was great—it reminded me of two other people I like reading, the late Mike Hippler in the *Bay Area Reporter* and Louise Rafkin in the *Bay Times*.

Thanks again—and hope to read future articles!

Alan Nicholson
San Francisco

Dear Editor:

I recently became aware of a very disturbing ballot initiative proposal by Rev. Louis Sheldon and his "Traditional Values Coalition."

This proposed constitutional amendment, certified for circulation on July 25, reads: "No statute or ordinance may take effect, or remain in effect, which either makes homosexuality or bisexuality a civil right or prohibits discriminatory conduct based upon homosexuality or bisexuality unless it is submitted and approved by a 2/3 vote of the electors in question."

This hateful, bigoted initiative would invalidate all state and local laws barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, as well as the Consensual Sex Act of 1975, which decriminalized sexual activity between consenting adults.

While I have no doubt the people of California would resoundingly reject such a hateful proposal, I feel strongly that it does not belong on the ballot.

Please join me in early, active opposition to this initiative proposal.

I am calling on California's elected leaders, along with respected religious, civil rights and business leaders to unite in early and vocal opposition to this shameful proposal. My hope is that through our efforts California voters will refuse to allow such hatred to appear on the ballot.

Sincerely,

Leo McCarthy

Lieutenant Governor, California

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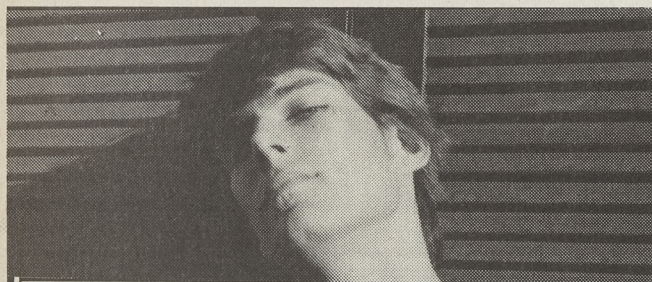
**Martin D.
Casey**



A Memorial...

I have often been asked just what the name PATLAR stands for. The "LAR," I reply, is fairly easy; just look to the name of our publisher, Larry Lanham. The "PAT," however, was more complicated. It is derived from the middle name of a "silent" publishing partner, a man who, since PATLAR's inception, had chosen to remain firmly closeted from family and friends. Therefore, his name never appeared in full in the magazine. On August 24, James P. McWhorter passed away suddenly from a heart attack, and we now face the sad responsibility of commemorating the life of a man whom we could never before name.

Ironically, I wrote here in August of my frustration with the "lingering closet mentality" which kept so many in our community hidden: yes, those comments were partly inspired by Mr. McWhorter.



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But I grew up at a time when Harvey Milk was already a city supervisor. I learned that pride, not shame, was part of coming out. Outrage, not fear, was my response to harassment and discrimination. Those have been difficult lessons to learn, especially when they had to compete with the "lessons" of lost jobs, hostile families, religious condemnation, social ostracism, violent bashings, and so on. So perhaps there are some for whom that closet seems tolerable after all. But we can all work for change so that no one has to hide.

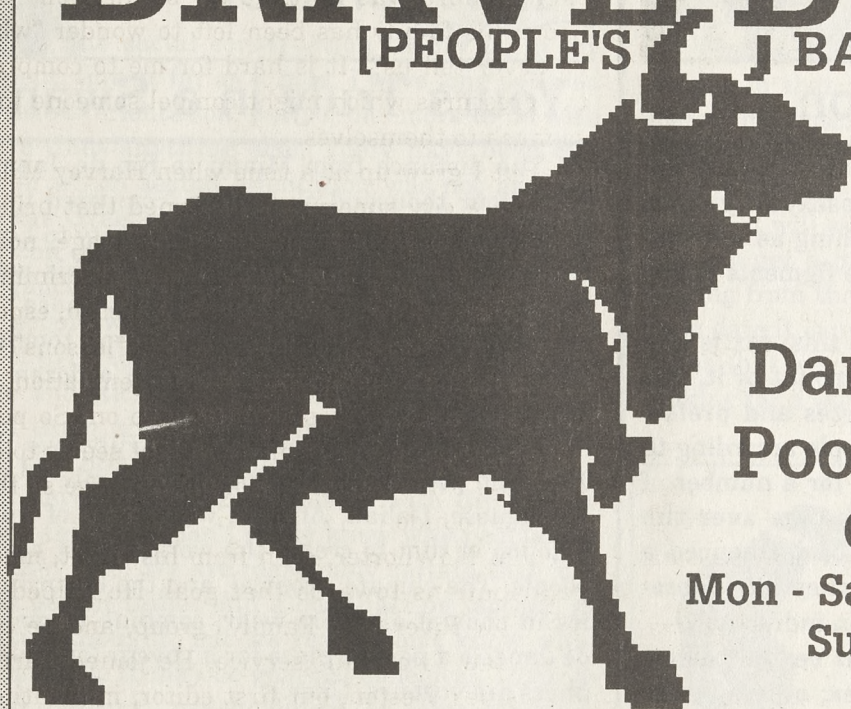
Jim McWhorter, even from his closet, made big contributions towards that goal. He helped found the "Our River City Family" group, and he started the "Man Two Man" service. He joined Larry and Dr. James Weston, our first editor, in creating and nurturing PATLAR magazine. He helped to bring a distinctive new voice to Lesbian and Gay community of the Sacramento region, and, eventually, to the entire nation. His publishing philosophy was simply that our community needed a place to celebrate the best of what we are, a "good news" newspaper. Jim shared his business expertise, handled all the mail that came in, and recruited most of our best writers, including Mel Dahl, Ann Muller, Frank Batey, and Nancy Lyn Define. His voice was heard.

In the past year, PATLAR has lost two of its three founders. Dr. Weston died last October, taking with him much of the visible "product" that was PATLAR — the editorial perspective, writing, typesetting, lay-out, and creative vision. These were roles that I had to learn to fulfill in my own way as new editor.

Now, PATLAR faces another transition. Little things like revising our staff box to put "owners" into the singular. Big things like changing our official address and contacting all of our many contributors, advertisers, and distributors. And we will no doubt continue to discover new pathways along which PATLAR will evolve. Jim McWhorter, like Dr. Weston, has left a valuable gift to our community in this magazine, a gift which I hope will do honor to their memory as we continue in our service to our readers and supporters. ❖

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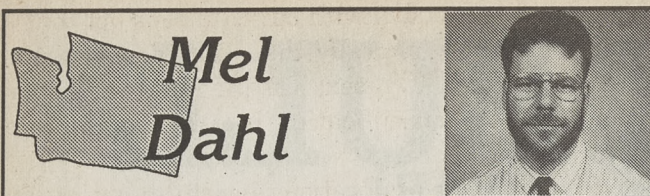
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Mel
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In My Opinion

There is an interesting theory afoot (called the social construction theory of homosexuality) that holds that there really is no such thing as a homosexual, that gay people, as such, are figments of our collective imagination.

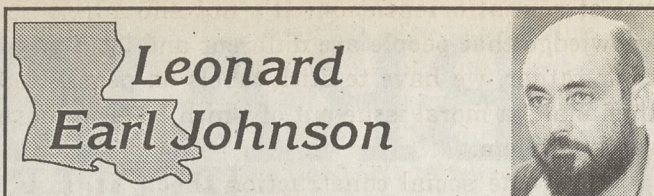
The theory goes something like this: sex is like food. Everybody needs a certain amount of it, but different people have different tastes and preferences. It is ridiculous to classify people according to what they like to eat for breakfast, for a number of reasons: those choices tend to change over the course of a lifetime; they tend to be influenced a great deal by outside factors; and they have absolutely no relevance to the worth of an individual.

Likewise, people have different sexual tastes. Some people prefer the opposite sex; others prefer their own gender; some people choose celibacy; but everyone has a need for some sexual gratification. It is ridiculous to classify people according to what they do sexually, for the same reasons: those choices tend to change over the course of a lifetime; they tend to be influenced a great deal by outside factors; and they have absolutely no relevance to the worth of an individual.

In other words, people aren't really gay or straight; they are merely sexual. What we are talking about when we talk about sexual preference is really just that: a preference on the same level as a preference for apple pie over chocolate cake.

Because our society has a great deal of hangups about sex—and let's face facts, if our society had the same hangups about food as it does about sex we would all starve to death — a majority has not been content to just let other people be. Rather than acknowledge that you are what you are, society has a need to put labels on things. Sometimes these labels are more useful than others.

I remember howling with laughter once as I read a "study" done by someone on whether Republicans are more likely to be honest than Democrats. I don't even remember what the conclusion was — it seems to me the Republicans came out ahead, but I wouldn't swear to it — but the person who did the study suffered from the same delu-



Leonard
Earl Johnson

Yours Truly in a Swamp

The distance from Miami to Rio de Janeiro is great, four thousand-plus miles (compared to three thousand-plus miles from New York City to London) but worth every inch of the journey. This was my twelfth visit to the "Ciadade maravilhosa" (City marvelous)—not a bad epitaph for my tombstone: "Here lies a ne'er-do-well/In heaven a dozen times before he got here."

I have an obvious prejudice: I truly love Brazil. The gene pool is the absolute perfect mix of native, Portuguese, Italian, African, with a dab of this and a dollop of that to create the world's most beautiful people. The climate, tropical, and the beautiful bodies in show-it-all swim-wear, combine to make Rio de Janeiro a perfect place for a voyeur (all photographers are voyeurs, Cher.)

I first went to Rio fifteen years ago as a crew member on the Delta Steamship Norte and thereafter aboard many ships of the sea and air. Once, I spent six months ported out of Brazil, on the U.S.N.S. Dutton, a navy vessel plying the South Atlantic between Rio and Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

This recent trip was to attend the opening of an exhibition of my photographs at the Casa de Cultura Laura Alvim in Ipanema. Ipanema, heaven on earth! "Young and sweet/And pure..." Ah, well two out of three isn't bad.

The exhibition was sponsored by the Cultural Minister, State of Rio de Janeiro and the Cultural Attache to the U.S. Consul General. Greeting me at Galeao International Airport was a car, a driver, and a translator holding a sign with my name printed on it. Nice, huh? They drove me to the four star Hotel Sol Ipanema and informed the hotel staff that I was a good deal more important than I looked.

Ipanema, as the locales are quick to tell you, is a stretch of land between the Atlantic and the Lagoa (Lagoon) Rodrigo de Freitas, with the world's highest property value. It is easy to believe, in front of the hotel is the sandy beach and blue sea, both filled with beautiful Brazilians in every color available to the human race. Behind the hotel was the mountain Corcovado (it means hunchback) atop which stands the enormous statue of Christ the Redeemer with

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sion as people who insist on making a moral issue out of sexual orientation: It's not enough to acknowledge that people are different and let it go at that; rather, we have to stick labels on people and then make a moral issue out of which label we have stuck on them.

Now, the social construction theory is, in my judgment, fine as far as it goes. I have long believed that sexual orientation, per se, has more to do with culture than anything else. There have been cultures in which sexual orientation was not an issue (ancient Greece, ancient Israel, various Native American cultures, Pacific Islanders and early modern France all come to mind) and in those cultures, most people were truly bisexual. Most people did a little of everything before settling on a favorite preference and sticking with it. If someone were to ask one of them about their sexual orientation, they would give him or her a blank look.

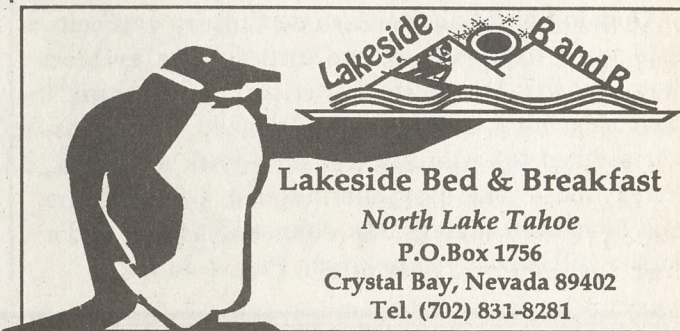
However, there are problems with the theory. For one thing, we don't really know why people like what they like. We are reasonably certain that it is not an absent father and a domineering mother, as was once thought, but we really don't know what does cause it. It may be genetic, biological, environmental, cultural, psychological, or some combination. We just don't know. And until we do know, we can't really say whether there is such a thing as a gay person or not.

Another problem with the theory is the tremendous amount of gay culture that has sprung up based on gay *identity* rather than on gay sexuality. We can all list lots and lots of gay groups that are primarily social outlets—hiking clubs, churches, volleyball teams—that have little to do with sexuality per se. What happens if society suddenly does acknowledge that sexuality is not an issue, does this gay culture disappear? If sexual orientation is a figment of our collective imaginations, it is a figment so firmly rooted that the perception has already become reality. As a practical matter, sexual orientation may as well exist because we have the same results.

Another difficulty is the theory's failure to distinguish between labels per se and labels which are nonsensical. Dividing living things into groups is an important part of science. If we could not distinguish between chicken and beef, for example, we would never be able to confidently prepare a chicken salad sandwich. The problem is not with using labels; it is with using irrelevant labels. It is theoretically possible to classify people by the color of wallpaper in their dining rooms, the day of the week on which they were born and whether they like Stephen King novels. We don't use those classifica-

tions because they serve no useful purpose. Likewise, the problem with our culture is not that it understands academically that some people prefer members of their own sex; it is the failure to understand that the classification is irrelevant to anything of importance.

Finally, the classification is useful to us, as gay people, in that it saves time. If I am having a theological discussion with someone, I may well ask to which church he goes. This is not because his answer will make me think less of him as a person; rather, it will save me time in that it will help me to quickly get a broad, general sense of where he is coming from theologically. Likewise, if I am looking for a date it is useful to know who also likes men because that way I won't waste time on a man who is looking for a woman. ♡



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arms outstretched. I was told by a handsome woman of Italian decent, that the locals say the arms are not out to welcome visitors to heaven on earth, as I like to think, but in exasperation saying, "No more Italians!"

If ever you are in Rio you will visit Corcovado. It is the highest point in the city and commands a tremendous view from a bar at the foot of Jesus. And there are few places on this planet where you can find that.

Rio is full of hotels, even ones that rent by the hour. You do not want to stay in one of these for anything other than a tryst. Be forewarned, the famous Brazilian love for love is true and though all sexual taste are legal, as is male and female prostitution, the AIDS epidemic is on a per capita level with New York and California. Alas, even paradise has its downside.

Opening night at the Casa de Cultura was complete with news reporters and five television crews—by this time even I was starting to think I might be more important than I looked. The translator seemed to faithfully translate back and forth, when I told a joke everyone laughed. Of course he could have been saying, "Mr. Johnson has just told a joke, he will expect you to laugh. Please do so."

The Cultural Attache gave a cocktail party the next night. I was told it would be attended by the Brazilian head of American Airlines, which had the task of flying my oversized body and puffed up ego back to New Orleans. I asked the foreign service if they minded if I cashed in on the good press we were getting by asking this man if, space available, they might bump me up to first class for the return. The foreign service people said they didn't mind if I asked but, "They don't even do that for us." Holy mother of Charles Lindburg, he did it!

Cushy, cushy, cushy. Seats with foot rests and so huge you might truly sleep, if you can stop eating. We got a Leatherette overnight kit with every toiletry you could think of, including those little stocking/shoes for your feet, and a box of chocolates. For dinner we had bread baked fresh onboard and for breakfast we had eggs to order. If cost is not a consideration go first class. The cost, however, is nearly five times that of coach. But, hey, you get to walk around in your stocking feet eating fresh bread and chocolates. ♡

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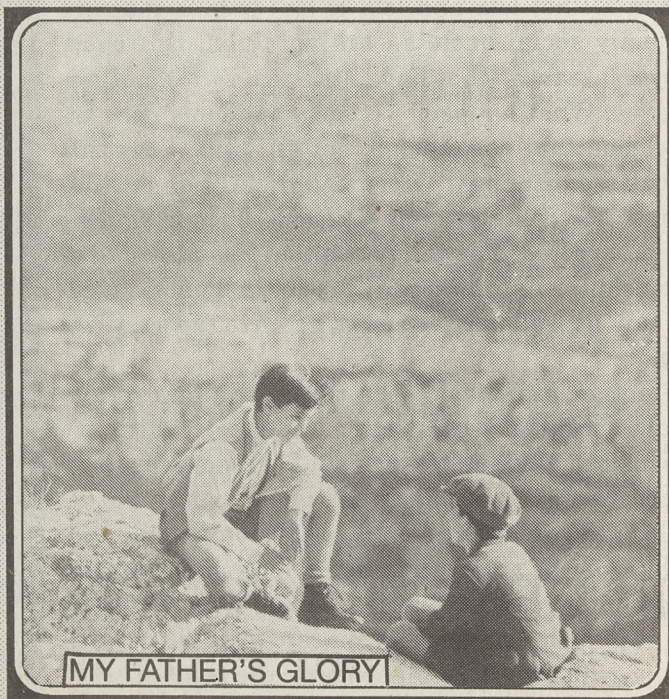
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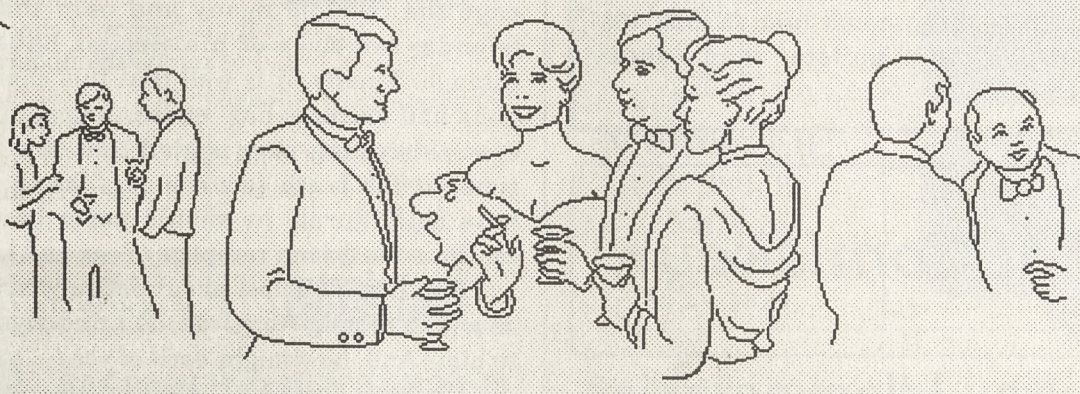
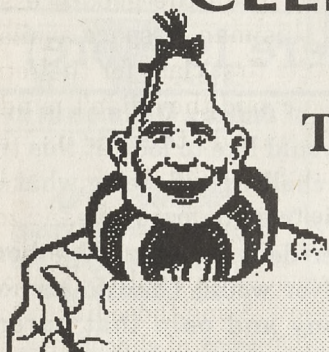
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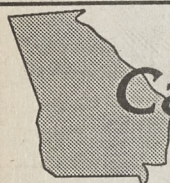


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Cat Comiskey

Unhealthy Idiosyncrasies

The average American citizen probably has at least a handful of idiosyncrasies. Surely I'm not the only one who clings to the morning ritual of flossing, brushing, showering, breakfasting, and then, and only then toileting. As if the sky would really fall or the interstate would immediately congest if the order were reversed. Obviously, homo sapiens are creatures of habit.

Some of us, however, have idiosyncrasies that are neither common or safe. If any of the following peculiar habits pollute your life, you may need to apply for a gun license or purchase an additional health insurance policy.

- Strolling through Central Park after dark.
- Pissing off Zsa Zsa.
- Jogging with livestock.
- Poking at nuclear warheads.
- Teaching in a public school.
- Vacationing in Northern Ireland.
- Test driving an American-made car.
- Giving the neighbor's friendly little pit bull terrier a gentle pat on the head.
- Artificially inseminating large buffalo.
- Sleeping on the bottom bunk while Roseanne sleeps on the top. ♡



Ralph Walker



...and There Is More!

As I write, the case of Jeffrey Dahmer is in everyone's awareness. I would like to look at this tragic situation, taking the challenge of seeing what it is like, for us, if we're truly "coming from love."

First, I would never deny the incredible horror of what he has done. Nor would I fail to acknowledge the terrible agony and pain that parents, friends, relatives of his victims have been put through. Finally, it is well that this chain of seductions and murders has ended. Indeed, I sense that even this young man is glad that this is so. "It is time for the truth to come out," he is reported to have said. Surely he should never be released to continue his driven rampage of sex and killing.

But, how do I feel about Jeffrey Dahmer? How, as a man coming from love, do I find myself reacting to him? And, how might each of you?

My first, automatic impulse, when word of this case flashed through the news was quite simply to feel a deep sadness and a true sympathy for this young man—for the anguish in which his life was lived, and for the horrors that his denial of love had wrought in his life. My heart did, and does, truly ache for Jeffrey Dahmer.

Thus, for me, to "come from love" is to recognize the deep and terrible sense of emptiness—of lack of love—in which Jeffrey lived. He had never known anyone whom he could trust and know truly loved him or cared about him. Most of those who had dealings with him failed—at least in his view—to show him love and respect. And, his eccentricities and intrusive pranks at school meant that those who might have become his friends were kept at distance. He was never able to be close to anyone. Knowing he was attracted to males, rather than females, put a tragic "lock" on the possibility of any expression of his love in a non-accepting culture. Thus, his need for love and for connection, denied, choked off and aborted, went underground, only to surface as an overwhelming fury of sexuality, which could then not possibly be revealed, or made known, necessitating the killing of each sexual partner.

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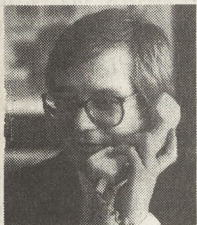


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ceptable and that we must keep them secret and hidden. And, conversely, nothing is more freeing and validating than discovering that those secrets can be shared, indeed even validated, by supportive and trusting others. That is the other side of the coin of love as "giving space." It is as we are known and then fully accepted, that we can truly begin to be who we are.

Jeffrey never had that privilege. He could never let anyone know that his love object choices were other males. It was that fear, born in a homophobic culture, that led to the bizarre and terrible forms of expression that that stilted and warped sexual impulse finally and tragically culminated in.

But now, of course, there is no "turning back." What has been done has been done. Yet, for me, it seems futile to scorn him and condemn him. Better it seems to me, to forgive him and to recognize that, indeed, "There but for the grace of God, go I." Let Jeffrey's case remind each of us how fortunate we are that we were accepted by those who truly "came from love"—at least in enough areas of our lives and enough situations, as we were growing up. And let us also let his tragedy point each of us, once again,

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to the vital importance of living our lives for love and through love and from love. The benefits that accrue are unlimited, and the tragedies and horrors prevented are always far, far more than we are ever aware of.

Editor's Note: Ralph Walker forwarded a pre-publication copy of this column to a friend, Mark, on Death Row in Indiana. Mark's response was so compelling to Ralph that he requested that PATLAR publish his excerpts and response, and what follows are these further thoughts on Jeffrey Dahmer.

"I agree with the bulk of the column and most of its sentiment. One sentence, I feel, is contradictory to what you've told me in the past. The passage is... 'It is time for the truth to come out'—he is reported to have said. And, surely, he should never be released to continue his rampage of sex and killing."

"First of all, what has Jeffrey Dahmer done that must be met with the revocation of his freedom forever? Was it murder, or was it murder after having performed male-to-male sex? Can he never be redeemed? Can he never atone for the pain he has inflicted?"

"What would become of his efforts if he were to undertake a searching for the love that is within him, and perhaps picks up and studies A Course in Miracles, or something similar and does discover his true loving nature? May he apply the 'I deserve to come free' rule? If not, why not? Is he the monster to beat all monsters? Or is he the one that Americans, who have an insatiable thirst for the morbid, have seized upon to stand in for our sick society as a whole?"

"If you, being who you are and believing the things you believe, can know that he should never be free, how does the average Joe Blow from Anywhereville think? And, what about me? Why am I encourage to flush out any remaining doubts about the appropriateness of my freedom? What is the difference between my and Jeffrey Dahmer? Is it the number of killings? Is it modus operandi? Is it my possible innocence?"

"My other argument was with what I saw as your equating of sex and killing as you say: 'Surely he should never be released to continue his rampage of sex and killing.' How integral to your meaning was the word 'sex' to your mind when you constructed that sentence?"

"I believe we would agree that if there were a pill, or a transformational process, such as A Course

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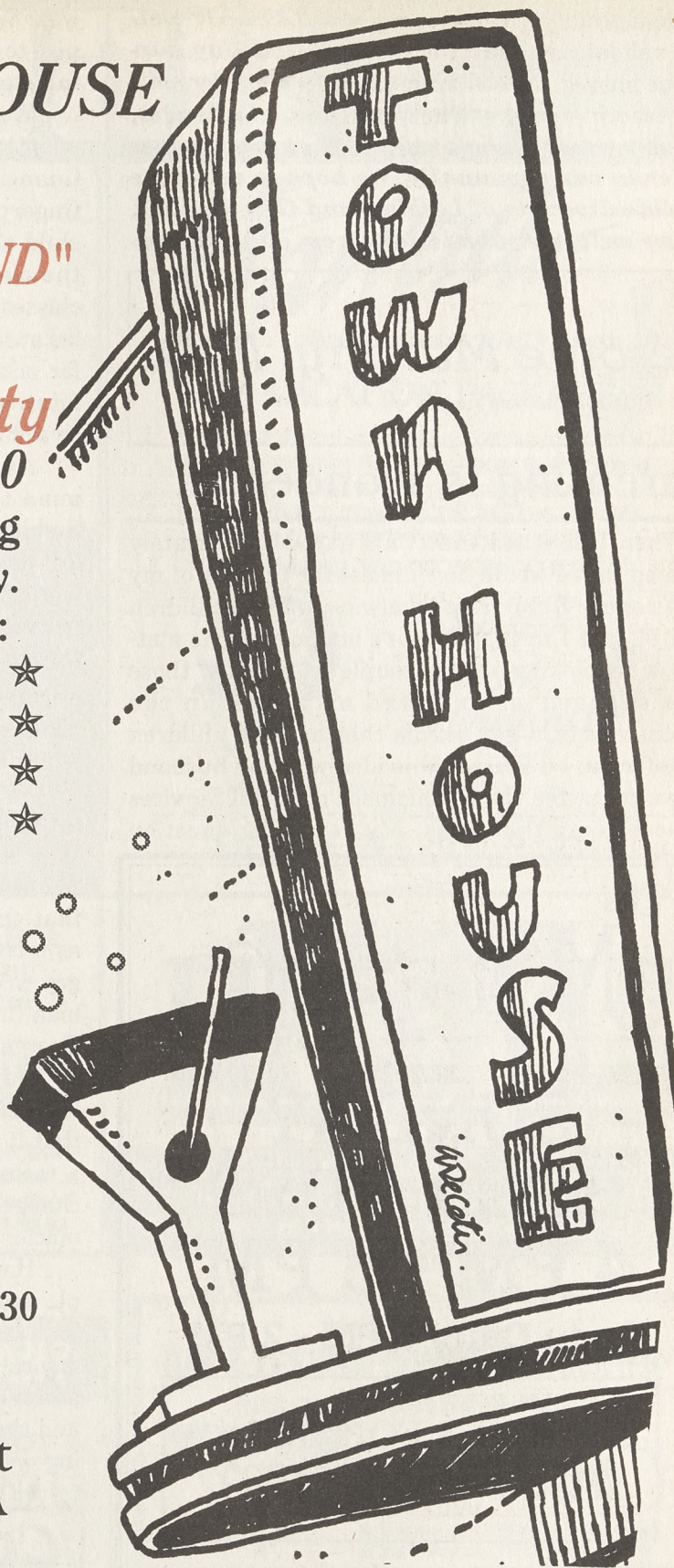
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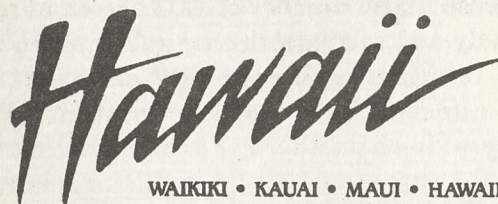
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Nature Versus Science

by Rick Storrs and Gary Oliver

"Might the treatment of individuals infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) lead to an increase in the number of AIDS cases in society?" A study and related editorial published in the March 28, 1991 issue of the journal *Nature* literally ask this question. This study, "Potential of community-wide chemotherapy or immunotherapy to control the spread of HIV-1," by R.M. Anderson, S. Gupta and R.M. May of the University of London, suggests that what may be good for the individual may not be good for the community. The basis for this thought-provoking discussion is succinctly stated in the study: "...even if treatment benefits the individual it may not benefit the community if treated individuals remain infectious for longer than untreated individuals and continue to have unprotected sex with susceptible partners."

The study is based upon "simple mathematical models we have crudely assessed how wide-scale treatment of asymptomatics could affect the transmission of the virus," say the researchers. According to their model, when small proportions of the population are treated and/or the longevity of those

treated is increased by less than 8 years, the size of the population can decrease relative to the projected size without treatment, in some circumstances. This effect arises because the treated individuals have a longer time to transmit the virus before expiring. They conclude that counselling should be linked to treatments, so an individual receiving treatment would not be a source of transmission, as it would be unethical to withhold treatment.

An alternative conclusion, unstated but easy to deduce, is that we shouldn't treat HIV-infected individuals until the advent of a widely disseminated, efficacious vaccine. While it is unethical to withhold life-prolonging treatment from infected individuals, such an eventuality might be considered as health care resources become more scarce, civil rights deteriorate and politics play an increasing role in health care. As this study could give credence to such, it is important to look critically at this study and its implications.

The authors readily admit that they use a simple model to "facilitate analysis and make transparent our assumptions." Their "simple model" is based upon four differential equations describing the rate of change of four population groups: treated and non-treated, infected and non-infected (but susceptible). These equations are a function of (1) the infectious period of the infected groups, (2) the rate at which individuals change their sexual partners, (3) the probability of infection per encounter, (4) the proportion receiving treatment, (5) the probability of vaccination of the non-infected, and (6) a mysterious variable 's' which, although mentioned in every figure caption and once in the text, is never defined (it only affects the non-infected population, and is set to zero in all examples cited).

Their results are presented as overall population change (relative to no treatment) as a function of the proportion treated and the increase in infectious period (read: lifetime) due to treatment. From the limited data presented, the authors conclude that treatment can be detrimental to the population when less than a few percent are treated and/or the benefit is limited to less than a few years of extended life, provided that the spread within the population is slow. Slow rates of spread are characteristic of HIV within the heterosexual population, where the author's assume there is a small rate of switching sexual partners. If the epidemic is more robust, due to either more sexual partners or a more virulent virus, then the effect is nullified and treatment is always beneficial. The researchers conclude that because of this, there is a "need in clinical trials

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Gay Man Throws First Pitch

Daniel Warner, a ballplayer with San Francisco's Gay Softball League and an HIV positive gay man, fulfilled a lifelong dream on September 14th by throwing the first pitch at Lesbian and Gay Day at Candlestick Park when the San Francisco Giants played the San Diego Padres, a benefit for Shanti Project.

An athlete for many of his 36 years, Daniel pretended he was a famous pitcher even as a child. Excelling in wrestling and softball in high school, Daniel went on to participate in the Gay Games in San Francisco and Vancouver.

Daniel has been HIV positive for 10 years, and with T cells recently falling below 200, knows that this defines him as a person with AIDS under the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) new definition. "I know the CDC's new definition will help more people get benefits, especially women, and that's important," said Daniel. Long active in the fight against AIDS, Daniel was trained, while living in Los Angeles in 1982, to be an emotional support volunteer by the staff of Shanti Project San Francisco.

He organized the first national AIDS Candlelight March and cofounded and later served as Executive Director of The Los Angeles Shanti Foundation. Daniel returned to San Francisco earlier this year.

Many community organizations and leaders attended the event, including Supervisors Harry Britt, Roberta Achtenberg, and Carole Migden; Shanti Executive Director Eric Rofes; Shanti Deputy Director Melinda Paras who is chairing San Francisco's "No On K" campaign, fighting to prevent the repeal of the Domestic Partner's ordinance;

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(which test efficacy and toxicity) to assess the degree to which antiviral drug treatment or immunotherapy suppresses infectiousness." This would determine just how infectious an individual receiving treatment would be, and presumably, that individual's potential role in further transmission of HIV.

They assume that each group has the same rate of change in sexual partners, and further assume that infectivity is unaffected by treatment. This factor measuring the rate of spread within the community continues to be an active source of debate. Not only is the rate of new infections difficult to quantify accurately, it varies greatly with each risk group. More significantly, this factor can change with educational programs and other demographic and cultural changes. Since reduction in population size is only seen with certain (small) values of this factor, it is necessary to determine its magnitude for a given population before any conclusions can be reached.

There are other reasons for caution in applying the author's results to a real population. The authors make several controversial assumptions, not the least of which are "...the pessimistic assumption(s) that treatment does not decrease infectiousness or rate of change (in) sexual partner(s)."

The latter assumption is refuted by epidemiological studies which demonstrate the success of "safer-sex" education in dramatically slowing transmission of HIV within affected communities. There can be no doubt that a precipitous decline in the rate of new infections within the mainstream gay community emanated from the introduction of coherent educational programs targeted toward this community. Similar effects have been realized within the hemophilia community.

That treatment does not affect the infectiousness of the individual is also a problematic assumption. The authors expend much verbiage attempting to justify this assertion. They argue that the only widely utilized treatment for HIV, AZT (zidovudine), causes only transient reduction in plasma p24 levels, and also viral titers and, therefore infectiousness is not reduced over the long term. Unfortunately research correlating p24 levels to viral loads and research relating viral loads to infectivity is meager. Indeed many researchers now hypothesize that HIV-infected cells, not free virus, mediates much of the interpersonal transmission. That p24 levels reflect infectiousness is uncertain, as is the effect of treatment on infection.

This is a classic example of bad science. The authors disregard the basic tenet of objectivity in science.
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entific inquiry by designing their model to "make transparent our assumptions." One can easily see that they could have reached a very different conclusion by invoking different yet equally valid assumptions. In fact they state, "The model can embrace refinements such as differing rates of change of sexual partners for untreated and treated groups..." yet they don't provide the data which results from such "refinements."

By concluding that education should be linked to treatment to prevent further transmission of HIV, the researchers show their lack of common sense. Those who get treatment for HIV are a subset of those who have tested positive for HIV. Those who get tested for HIV are a subset of those who are infected with HIV. Most of the HIV infected people in the world do not have access to testing, let alone treatment. A better solution would be to educate all people about the routes of transmission of HIV. If this were the case we wouldn't have to worry about studies such as this, as people would be informed as to how to not put themselves at risk of infection with HIV. ❖

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Open Road's Benefit Concert for AIDS Foundation

"Open Road", a country-western band based in Sacramento, will be holding its second annual benefit for the Hand-to-Hand Project on October 5. Last year, the band raised \$1800 for this Project which matches individuals stricken by AIDS with qualified, support volunteers. Hand-to-Hand is a division of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

"Open Road" has been together for three years and features mostly original music. Many of the songs have gay themes but are accepted by a wide range of audiences. The band was originally founded by Jim Ralston and Steve VanDyke. Steve VanDyke is the lead singer for the group while Jim, composer of many of the band's songs, is featured on acoustic guitar and vocals. In the past year, the newest addition, Scott Vorhees, has brought keyboards, percussion and back-up vocals to the band.

Appearing with "Open Road" will be Karla Carmony, acclaimed comedian from Berkeley. Food and beverages will be available during intermission.

The concert will take start at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5 at the 24th Street Theatre in Sierra II. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door of the theatre or by calling the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at (916) 448-2437. ❖



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AB 101 Awaits Wilson's Signature

All six bills sponsored by the Lobby Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) moving in the last two months of the legislative session passed both the Assembly and Senate. Four of the bills were signed by Governor Pete Wilson. One bill, AB 101, vetoed!

Just a few hours before printing, PATLAR has learned that Governor Wilson has vetoed AB 101, bowing, it appears, to pressures from the religious right in the state Republican party. In addition to AB 101, the legislature," announced LIFE Executive Director Laurie McBride. "I think it shows that despite our enormous commitment to AB 101, we have not lost sight of the continuing burdens of the HIV epidemic or of the need to begin to address new issues, such as women's health care."

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The six bills are:

AB 101, Friedman (D-West Hollywood)—amends the Fair Employment and Housing Act to prohibit discrimination in the workplace against gays and lesbians.

AB 305, Friedman (D-West Hollywood)

AB 665, Friedman (D-West Hollywood)

AB 1113, Archie-Hudson (D-Los Angeles)

AB 1281, Filante (R-Marin)

AJR 24, Archie-Hudson (D-Los Angeles)

Governor Wilson has until October 13th to sign or veto these bills. Letters of support should be written directly to his office: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor of California, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. ♡

Massachusetts Governor Weld Lobbies California Governor Wilson to Sign Gay Rights Bill

Republican Governor of Massachusetts William Weld has sent a letter to California Governor Pete Wilson urging him to sign that state's gay rights bill. The bill, AB 101, recently passed both branches of the California legislature and is awaiting the decision of the Governor.

"Please allow me to add my voice to those encouraging you to sign this important bill and relay the positive effects a similar law has had in Massachusetts," wrote Weld. ♡

Ideas for National Coming Out Day—October 11

The National Coming Out Day campaign suggests a few ways you can come out this October 11, the Fourth Annual International Coming Out Day. No matter where you live or what part of the process you are in, there is always a way you can take your next step.

- Make a commitment to tell the truth about who you are.
- Come out to your family or friends.
- Put your lover's photo on your desk at work.
- Read a gay/lesbian paper in a public place.
- Support your local media in covering gay/lesbian issues.
- Shop with your lover for matching rings.
- Wear the National Coming Out Day shirt or button.
- Write a letter to an elected official re: in support of gay and lesbian rights.
- Invite gay and non-gay friends to the same parties.
- Stop lying to your fraternity brothers about all the women you've had.
- Include your lover or spouse in your holiday traditions.



National Coming Out Day is a non-profit educational organization devoted to supporting the lesbian and gay community in living more powerfully, equally, and visibly. For more information please call or write: National Coming Out Day, PO Box 8349 Santa Fe, NM 87504 or call (505)988 2558 or (800)445-NCOD ♡

A "T" Shirt Dance

Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC) present their first dance for the lesbian and gay community. Please join in on Oct. 4 at the Tuesday Club, 2722 L Street (across from Sutter's Fort) in Sacramento. Music will be by "Joey."

There will be refreshments and "Get to Know SLCC" 8 to 9 p.m., followed by music and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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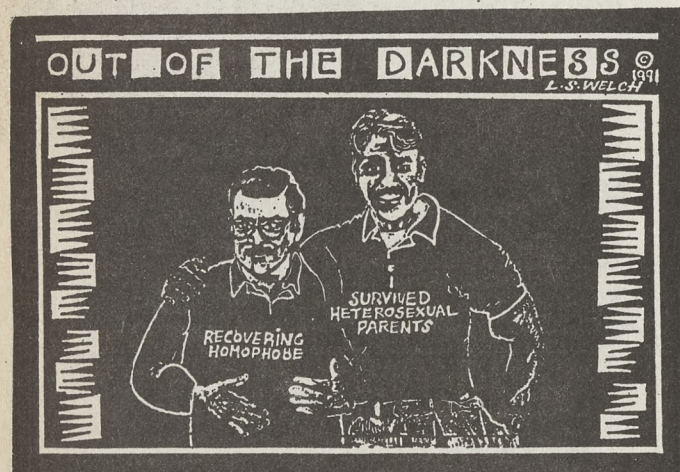
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in *Miracles*, which would modify his behavior so he no longer was impelled to kill, then save for a vengeful society, he could be released to continue his pursuit of sex and love unabated, for sex is not bad. Sex is beautiful."

What Mark has quite properly called me on is the issue of forgiveness, and made clear that I had stood aside from that, or temporarily forgotten it. He reminds me of my own basic premise—namely, every one of us is, at core, a part of God, touched with the Divine. And, surely, Mark has demonstrated that by his own miraculous growth and change.

So, let me amend my essay to grant to Jeffrey Dahmer, as I would to anyone, the possibility of transformation and ultimate freedom. And, to agree with Mark's observation about the goodness and, indeed, the blessedness of sex. May Jeffrey Dahmer come, eventually, to also appreciate and celebrate that beautiful truth. ❖

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Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman vice presidential candidate on a national party ticket, will deliver the keynote address at the Human Rights Campaign Fund's 8th annual dinner on October 12 at the Washington Hilton. The Campaign Fund is the nation's largest lesbian and gay organization, fighting to secure full civil rights for lesbian and gay Americans and to enact responsible Federal AIDS and health care policies. Symbolizing the diversity of the Campaign Fund's members and their struggle for equality, this year's theme for the dinner will be "Many Faces, One Vision."

Admission is open to the public. Tickets are \$175 and may be purchased by calling (202) 628-4160. ❖

Creating Change West

The Second Annual "Creating Change West" conference for Lesbian and Gay leadership will take place on October 18 - 20, 1991, in West Hollywood. The conference will feature a variety of valuable workshops, including such topics as media relations, community center development, diversity, health and medicine, leather, youth outreach, and special unique sessions for women's dialogue and for men's self-exploration. Discussions for upcoming events, such as Stonewall 25 and the March on Washington, will also take place.

The conference fee is \$50.00, and there is financial assistance available. Lovers or partners are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact "Creating Change West," 7925 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046 or call (213) 565-6554. ❖

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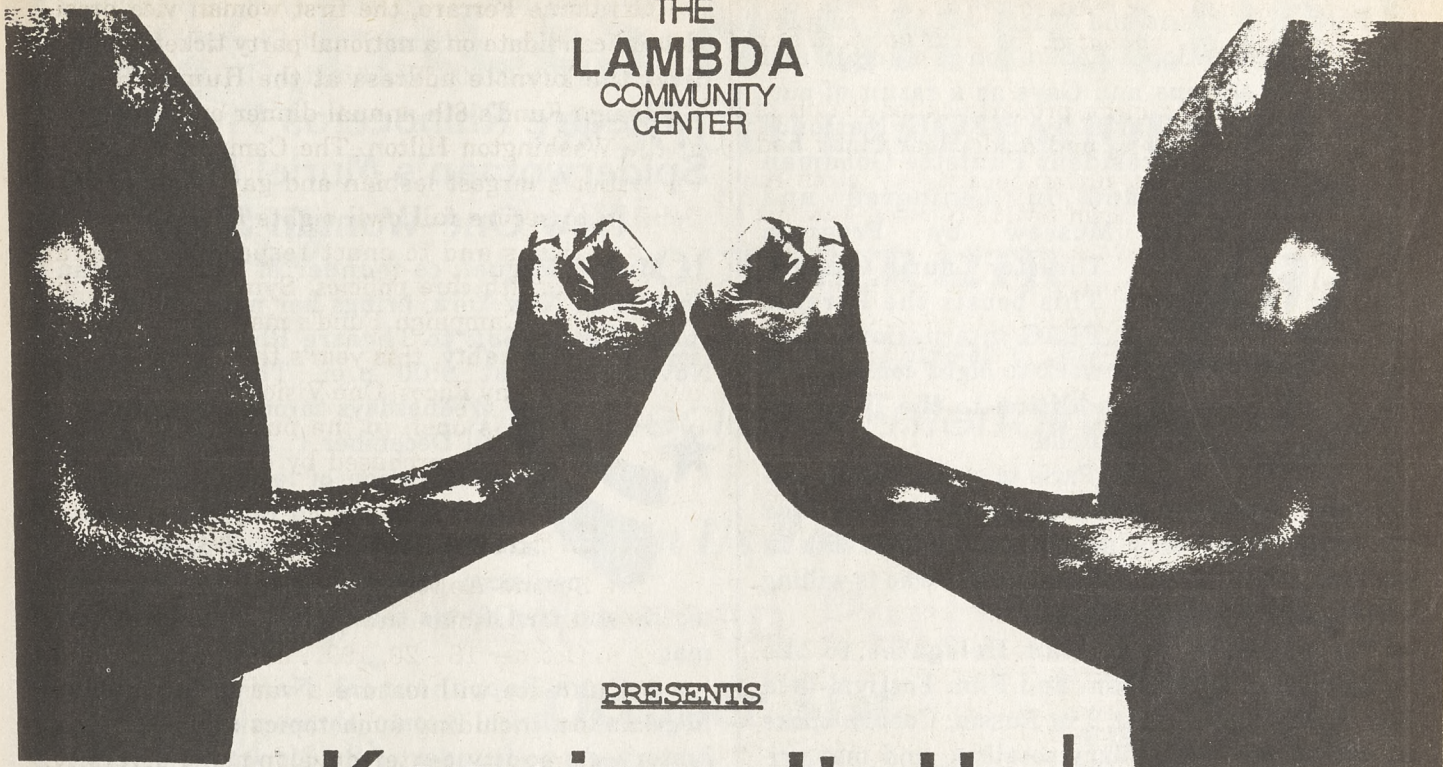
On October 13, 1991, Gay Run '91 will be upon us. Sponsored by the San Francisco Frontrunners, Gay Run '91 is one of the highlights of the year in the Gay and Lesbian sporting community.

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Gay Run '91 will be held on Sunday, October 13 at 9 a.m. in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. For information concerning the run, walks, or centipede team challenge, please call (415)922-1435. For an application, please write to Gay Run '91, 1550 California Street, suite 6L200, San Francisco, CA 94109. ❖

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President Paulette Goodman and in Leningrad and Moscow by Program Director Laurie Coburn. This boosts the Parents FLAG international network to eight countries in addition to the U.S. and Canada.

In Paris to attend family celebrations, Goodman was interviewed by *Gai Pied* and *Lesbia*, two French magazines, and met with 14 gay men and lesbians and one mother who is willing to serve as a P-FLAG contact.

As one of 70 American Delegates to the International Symposium and Film Festival held July 23 through August 2 in Russia, Coburn spoke at workshops and plenary sessions, and met privately with gays and lesbians and their parents. With U.S. and Soviet delegates, she took part in a condom distribution held in front of the Moscow City Hall and the first Soviet Gay and Lesbian



Rights Demonstration, held on the steps of the Bolshoi Ballet.

Readers who wish to receive a packet of information about Parents FLAG may do so by sending \$3. to the Office of Family and Chapter Support, Post Office Box 27605, Washington, DC 20038. ♡

Theatre Rhinoceros Presents Spiderwoman's Muriel Miguel in New One-Woman Show

Muriel Miguel, co-founder of Spiderwoman Theater in New York, brings her new one-woman show *Hot 'N' Soft* to Theatre Rhinoceros Wed. November 6 at 8:00 p.m. The show runs

Wednesdays through Sundays until December 1. *Hot 'N' Soft* is a celebration of lesbian sexuality, and is based on fantasies, coyote stories, wet dreams and personal experiences. Miguel's erotic show explodes myths and transforms taboos in a monologue format.

A Cuna-Rappahannock Native American, Miguel's theatrical accomplishments span a 15-year history. As co-founder of Spiderwoman Theater, North America's oldest on-going women's theater company, she has developed more than 20 shows and toured with them in North America, Europe, Scandinavia and Australia.

Hot 'N' Soft is at Theatre Rhinoceros for a special limited engagement. Theatre Rhinoceros is located at 2926 16th St., San Francisco. For tickets/information, please call (415) 861-5079. ♡

Gay and Lesbian Republicans Battle Efforts To Repeal Gay Civil Rights Bill

The Log Cabin Club of Massachusetts, an organization of lesbian and gay Republicans that is the Commonwealth's chapter of the National Federation of Log Cabins, has mobilized in opposition to an ad-hoc group of Massachusetts citizens that recently filed four ballot initiatives for certification by Massachusetts Democratic Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.

The proposal contained in these petitions would effectively repeal most of the Massachusetts Gay Civil Rights Bill and further threaten the advancement of civil rights for gay and lesbian people by:

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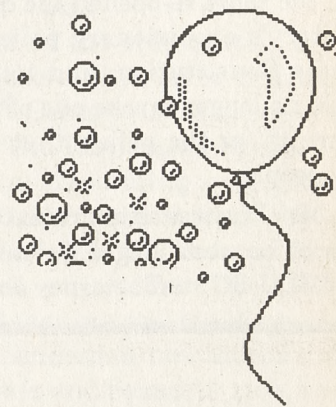
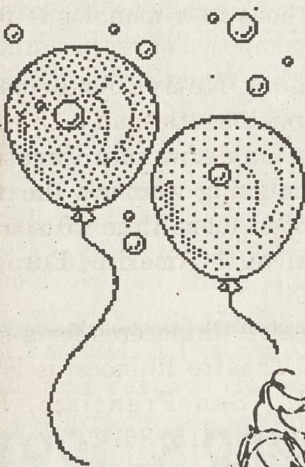
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Court Decision Permits Suit Challenging Military's Exclusion of Lesbians & Gay Men

The United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, decided that a lesbian who was dismissed from the Army Reserve can challenge the military's policy of excluding lesbians and gay men. In so doing, the court re-opened the question of whether the military's exclusionary policy violates the United States Constitution, and told the military that it could no longer invoke one of it's most important arguments for the policy, that other people "despise" gay people.

Ms. Pruitt was represented by Mary Newcomb, now of Lambda Legal Defense in Los Angeles and by ACLU-SC staff attorney Jon Davidson. ♡

National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights Set For April 25, 1993

Over 50 local and regional groups approved a March on Washington set for April 25, 1993.

Organizers included representatives from non-gay organizations, bisexual groups, leather groups, people of color contingents, and student representation.

Also present at the organizational meeting were many leading figures in the struggle for lesbian and gay rights, including the NAMES Project, Black and White Men Together, The National Organization for Women, National Coalition of Black Lesbian and Gays, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, National Gay & Lesbian Law Association, Queer Nation, MCC, Human Rights Campaign Fund, ACT UP, and representatives from Florida to Alaska.

The organization structure calls for the creation of a steering committee composed of representatives from each of 16 geographic regions plus delegates from identified constituent groups.

Fund raising donations and volunteers are needed. For more information contact the March on Washington hotline at (800)832-2889 or write to the March on Washington at PO Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114. ♡



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Muse News

Another summer month, another women's gathering. The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, not the oldest but the largest (usually over 6000 women), longest, and most global, took place over a week in mid August. Out of the diversity, some difficult boundary issues emerged: how/whether to allow musical cultural appropriation; loudness and anti-ageism in the Over 40s camping area; how to prevent segregation, i.e. eliminating the separate space for deaf or wheelchair-bound festie-goers. No definitive answers, but we seem to be drawing nearer to being an equitable international village—aware and respectful of each other's requirements and wishes.

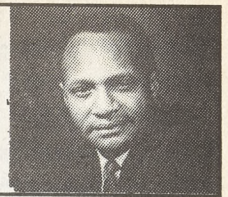
For those of you who don't know, the site of the Michigan Festival is land, privately owned by women, which is re-developed every year from the ground up, beginning in June. In addition to Day, Acoustic, and Night Stages, which run sequentially without overlap, there is an early-morning Media Tent, where videos are shown, as well as a latenight Film Festival. A Festival Chorus, Festival Concert Band, and Festival Gospel Choir form, rehearse, and perform for the assembly. Access is enhanced by the plentiful services for the disabled, Community Center Complex-facilitated networking, and camps for boys (off the land), girls, and toddlers; other needs are met through the concession stands and around-the-clock health care and 12-step support. Plus the workshops (nearly 200 were scheduled) and crafts.

Intensive Workshops occupied the first 2 days: Taiko drumming (taught by the 6 Asian-Canadian members of Sawagi Taiko), country line dancing (with Maile Rlein and Marina Hodgini), and Sonia Johnson's discussion of "A New Way of Loving" (from her new book, *Sex and Intimacy Reconsidered*) were heavily subscribed. The first concert, by Raindreaming (white women Gwen Jones and Kayla Kirsch), evolved amidst a furor over whether they were going to play the dijeridoo—a sacred ceremonial instrument of Australian Aboriginal people—as part of Raindreaming's planned program of original music for traditional instruments and despite the protests of an Aboriginal lesbian present on the

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Ernie Brown



Views From River City

Well, I guess I have a lot of catching up to do. Sorry I missed my last month article, but as you know by now I was on another one of my treks. Yes it was wonderful. Thanks for asking. This years journey took me back to Florida for my family reunion(Jacksonville Beach, Fla.) However, I did get a chance to sneak away one night, away from family to visit the only gay bar on the beach, "Bo's Reef." It was wonderful. If you are ever in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., that's the place. After Jacksonville Beach It was off to St. Augustine, Fla, one of the oldest cities in our country. Did the sites there, then on to Orlando to Disney World & EPCOT Center, stayed at one of the nicest gay complexes, The Parliament House. This resort has everything. Swimming pool, dining rooms, show rooms, Theater, and various shops. I would like to thank Miss Pee, and everyone there for making my stay so enjoyable. The EPCOT Center is a must!!! And they are still building.

My next stop: Ft. Lauderdale now there's a city for you. Beautiful beaches and beautiful men, and a beautiful time. I stayed at the, Marlin Hotel Resort. Another complete resort right on the beach. While there, ran into an old friend of yours & mine, Tina Barboso (a former Empress of Sacramento.) She is doing well & sends her regards to everyone here in Sacto. She is a cruise director on one of the cruise ships down there. She looks great. There are so many good bars in this area such as The Copa & Tacky's. Spent three days in Nassau, on Paradise Island. There are a couple of good bars there too. From here I travelled up to east Fla. Sarasota, St. Petersburg, and then on to Tampa where I visited another Sacto., boy, Bill Buchannan(remember him? he use to tend bar at the Mercantile Saloon)he too, send his best wishes. He is doing great and he loves Fla. When in Sarasota it's, "Singers" when in St. Petersburg, it's, "Backstreet Mall" and on the beach(St. Petersburg) its,"Cape House" all great bars and beaches.

Then after Fla. it was back to the West Coast. I visited old friends in San Diego, Long Beach, Laguna Bch. & Palm Springs, then on to: Rosarita

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land. The eventual decision was for the white women not to play the dijeridoo; the Aboriginal woman played it at the opening ceremony, and political reverberations still echo.

Highlights: Puerto Rican-Cuban-American Marga Gomez' one-woman show, "Memory Tricks," a funny, heartrending account of the stages of a relationship between a mother and daughter, played twice and got 2 standing ovations (ASL interpretation by Lydia Anorga). Marga's stand-up comedy set was also well-received, as she introduced her anti-censorship dance, the "Way Out," with her 'Fly Dykes' as backup. The cheeky style of Japanese-Brits Kazuko Hohki and Atsuko Kamura of Frank Chickens had us joining in on a Japanese singalong about unстереotypical ninja-not-geisha women and cheering as they became 'Werewolf Women,' who prey on men who attack women. All this amidst costume changes, into outfits as diverse as muscle jams, Japanese silks, and jeans (ASL by Jennifer Jacobs). Two Nice Girls (Kathy Korniloff, Gretchen Phillips, Meg Hentges, and Pam Barger; ASL Marilyn Van Veersen) filled the stage with their wall of sound on their "Sweet Jane/Love and Affection" medley and other crowdpleasers; nearly unrecognizable in sequined gowns, they stirred further controversy by playing Gretchen's "Manlove." Nice girls/bad news: their label, Rough Trade, folded soon after the release of their latest, CHLOE LIKED OLIVIA, this past spring.

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Herstoric news: the first Festival de Celebrations Lesbiennes unfurled August 30-September 2 in Quebec (it isn't Labor Day in Canada). Mark your calendar for the 1992 North East Women's Musical Retreat (NEWMR) over Labor Day Weekend; at the 1991 event, you missed the ribald wit of singer-songwriter Leah Zicari and the folk/country strains of Robin Flower and Libby McLaren.

Very important: Margie Adam is back! Her first public appearance in 7 years will be happening Saturday, October 19, in East Lansing, Michigan. For tickets: (517) 372-9084. ♡

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Beach, Mexico to visit another Sacto. friend Joyce, (used to be the part owner of the Hide & Seek.) From there it was back home, for a rest. As I said before, it was an enjoyable vacation.

Before I leave this subject pertaining to Florida, out of all of the places I went to Back East I did not see or hear one word of anger from any of the gay clientele. No discrimination, and this is the South I am talking about. They are not sugar-coated pills. You know where they are coming from. Sacto could very well take heed from this. Well this is something we can work on.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the Rainbow Festival: it was outstanding. A good time was had by all. Richard Boriola, founder of the Rainbow Festival in Sacramento, is to be commended. Next year its going to be bigger & better, says Richard & he would like to thank everyone who participated. The Festival was for a dynamic cause: The Hope House & Lambda Community Center.

Flash!!Flash!!! The Buffalo Club now has liquor & good food, and everyone is raving about it. Congratulations Shirley. Speaking of food, there is a new restaurant in town called, Shakers: located at 27th & Broadway. The food is to die for & the ambience is great. Live piano music for lunch & dinner.

Sorry my dear readers but I will not be sponsoring a bus this year to the Renaissance Faire. My trip to Las Vegas took up all of my time. However, there are a couple of guys from the Merc that are planning the trip; check with Tim & Jack at the Merc, 447-0792. Congratulations to the MCC, on their 25th anniversary.

Once again the official: Mr. & Miss Gay Sacto.

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Lee Sharmat & Rich Flowers



SportsPride

- Rich:** Rodeo, as a competitive sport, evolved from the hardworking lifestyle of the American cowhand. The hard life in the West produced a character and attitude that remains a living legend — the American Cowboy and Cowgirl, emblems of free spirit.
- Lee:** The first gay rodeo was held in Reno, Nevada, October 2nd, 1976. Gay rodeo is now big business in 18 western states, bringing in millions of dollars into local economies. January, 1985 saw the formation of the IGRA (The International Gay Rodeo Association).
- Rich:** The rodeo season ends in October, the IGRA Finals will be held in Wichita, Kansas, October 18 - 20th.
- Lee:** Speaking of riding, Pacelines — the international newsletter for lesbian and gay bicyclists, lists a bunch of neat events coming up. There's the BIKE-TOBER-FEST for west coast bike groups who will gather to attend a biking rally in Santa Barbara, October 4 - 6th.
- Rich:** East coast bikers in New England have a wide range of foliage rides from the OYSTER FEST BIKE RIDE on Long Island, New York, October 20th, to the HORSE COUNTRY RIDE in Essex County, Massachusetts, October 13th. So, get off your seat and call Bob Bland at (617) 266-3812 for national bicycling information.
- Lee:** There is much discussion among national lesbian soccer players concerning their exclusion from the U.S. National Gay Soccer Tournament, October 12 - 14th in Atlanta, GA.
- Rich:** ...seems as though no one in Atlanta thought to invite lesbians. According to Atlanta organizers, "We don't know any lesbians who could help us organize, we don't have enough fields, and besides, we didn't know we had to include lesbians."
- Lee:** I happen to know that numerous lesbians from all over the country had been calling the Atlanta organizers for weeks, and phone calls were not returned until it was too late

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LaKish is doing it again. This time with rags presenting "The Leather Follies." Oct. 13th at the Wreck Room. Starting at 10 p.m. Raffling of a 20" color TV (new).

The Closet Ball will be held this year Oct. 26th at Joseph. This is a fun evening all the above are fundraiser for our community.

Jerry Barnes & Ernie Brown's Las Vegas trip was a big success. No one came home broke. Our next trip to San Diego is scheduled for Feb. 14th "A Holiday For Lovers." Get in on the fun. Contact Jerry or Ernie ASAP.

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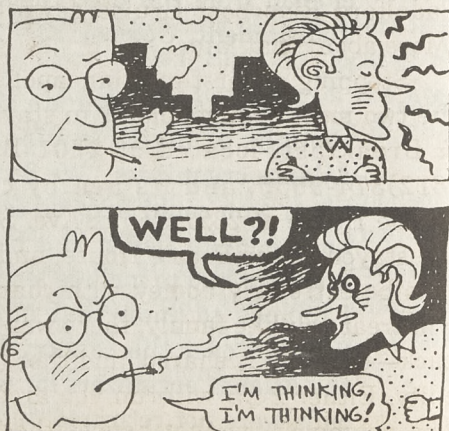
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Rich: Federation members and Gay Games IV organizers will be trying to formulate a sport-

Rich: That's some handicap. So, homo-hackers - beware!

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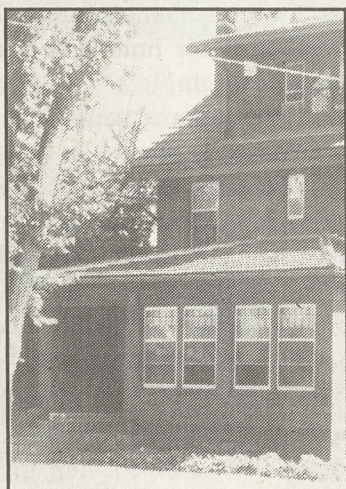


Ira Gruber & Tina Jenneray

Sophisticated Gay & Lesbian Traveler

On our last trip to the twin cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul we couldn't help noticing how bright and athletic the gays and lesbians seemed to be. With a hearty, pioneering spirit and a down-to-earth disposition, they exuded a Mid-Western Nordic sweetness, pronouncing "Min-eh-soh-tah" with their "o's" stretched out nice and long.

The Twin Cities are hardly what one could call "identical" twins. Minneapolis is the more sophisticated of the two, actually somewhat cocky in comparison to earthy St. Paul. With first-class museums and theater as well as trendy shops and restaurants, the tourists seem to gravitate to Minneapolis. We feel it is the "Seattle of the Midwest" in both attitude and appearance.



Brasie House, Minneapolis
Photo by Tina Jenneray

St. Paul, on the other hand, feels more gritty than cosmopolitan, and oddly enough more charming than it's sophisticated neighbor. St. Paul's original name was Pig's Eye, named after one of the first settlers on this part of the Mississippi River, a one-eyed character who was best known for his home-made whiskey...his name, Pig's Eye Parrant. You can learn more about him if you take a Jonathan Padelford Riverboat Cruise down the Mississippi. (More about that later).

Stopping off first in Minneapolis, we found that the two most popular places to stay are Evelo's Bed & Breakfast, located at 2301 Bryant Avenue; (612)374-9656, and its nearby competitor, the Brasie House at 2321 Colfax Ave. S; (612)377-5946. We stayed at the Brasie House, and while we found it to be extremely homey with charming hosts who will treat you like family, there was one slight drawback—the bath is shared, and there is no shower facility. Either B&B will run you around \$50 a night. The neighborhood that houses these two accommo-

dations is about a 15-minute walk from downtown. If you choose not to drive and don't mind taking a public bus, the #4 will take you right into the neighborhood.

The gay crowd can often be found relaxing at the Walker Art Center's lovely restaurant. The Walker, which is considered one of the top modern art museums in the country, is located at 725 Vineland Place. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; admission is \$3.00. Across the street you will find the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, probably one of the most photographed sculpture gardens in America. The Minneapolis Institute of Art, located at 2400 3rd Avenue South is yet another top museum that Minneapolis can boast.

If you are a history buff we recommend a visit to historic Fort Snelling, a reconstruction of the original fort that marks the spot of the northernmost battle site in the midwest of the Civil War. Just be sure to visit here no later than October, unless, of course you happen to like extreme cold temperatures. Call (612)726-9430 for more information.

For nightlife, the Gay 90's, located downtown at 408 Hennepin Ave. has pretty much a monopoly, of-

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For a great dining experience, we decided to try out It's Greek To Me at 626 Lake St. You can get truly delicious Greek fare here, served amidst the soft whirl of the overhead fans and the incredible aromas that waft out from the kitchen. It's great food at moderate prices. Meals range from \$7 to \$10.

Moving on to St. Paul where we stayed with two lesbian friends, we immediately noticed that there was something cozier about this city. And not only that, but we know of no other city in the country where the nightlife is so lesbian-controlled. Gay male tourists are advised to stick with Minneapolis in this respect because the three major nightclubs in St. Paul abound with womyn! They are Ladies Night at 1183 University Ave., (612)646-2288; the Town House at 1415 University Ave., (612)646-7087; and our personal favorite, Rumors at 490 Roberts St., near 9th in downtown St. Paul. This bar is both lesbian owned and operated, and although men are certainly welcome here, we would rank it as among the top ten womyn's nightclubs in the country.

Another St. Paul legend is the Farmers' Market, a downtown institution. For cultural relief St. Paul boasts five art galleries, the Ordway Music Theatre, the Minnesota Museum of Art (free to the public), the world famous Science Museum of Minnesota and the new \$20M Historical Society, which is just now under construction. There is also an outstanding downtown library, the Capitol Complex and the James Jerome Hill House. All of these attractions are located right downtown, which makes St. Paul a very convenient city for sightseeing. It is also great for relaxation, for lovers and friends alike. A fun thing to do is to take a cruise on the Mississippi aboard the Jonathan Padelford Riverboat. The boat is located just 15 minute's walk from downtown. We went with our friends Judy and Carol, and we couldn't help noticing Carol nodding hello to a fair number of her female friends. It's a relatively short boat ride complete with a downhome narration for the first half and some funky recorded music for the return trip home.

Probably the most interesting place in St. Paul (or in the twin cities, for that matter) from a gay/lesbian perspective is the Quatrafoil Library, located at 1619 Dayton Ave. Here you will find a terrific resource center offering over 6,500 books which are housed in a 1,900 sq. ft. space. There is no paid staff, but 100+ volunteers keep this unique library open to the public six days a week. Other services include book discussion groups and meeting space for a variety of associations within the gay/lesbian community. For more information call (612)641-0969.

Our friends advised us that Minneapolis has been selected for the National Girls Initiative, where young lesbians between the ages of nine and fifteen will be photographed. This event will take place sometime in 1992. They also mentioned that the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival, which has been running at a local theater in St. Paul for the past two years is under attack right now because management of the theater feels that gays and lesbians are "undesirable" patrons. If that makes your blood a little hot, you may wish to check the situation out with the gay community in the Twin cities.

Should you plan a trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul in the not to distant future and would like more information on the various attractions, accommodations, etc., you can contact the Convention & Visitors Bureau in either city on their free "800" numbers. In Minneapolis call (800)455-7412; in St. Paul it's (800)627-6101. For a free guidebook to all of Minnesota call (800)657-3700. ♡

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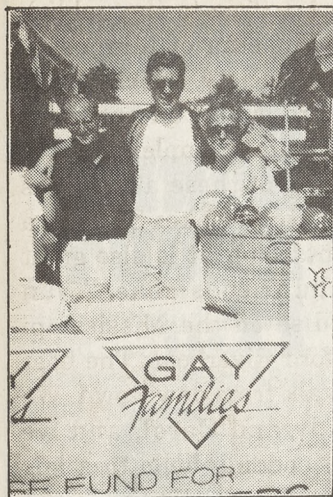
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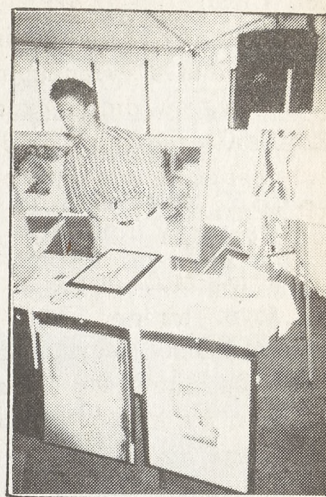
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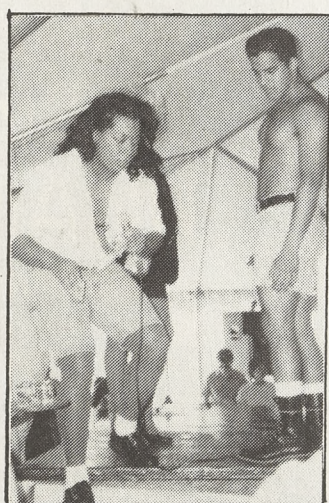
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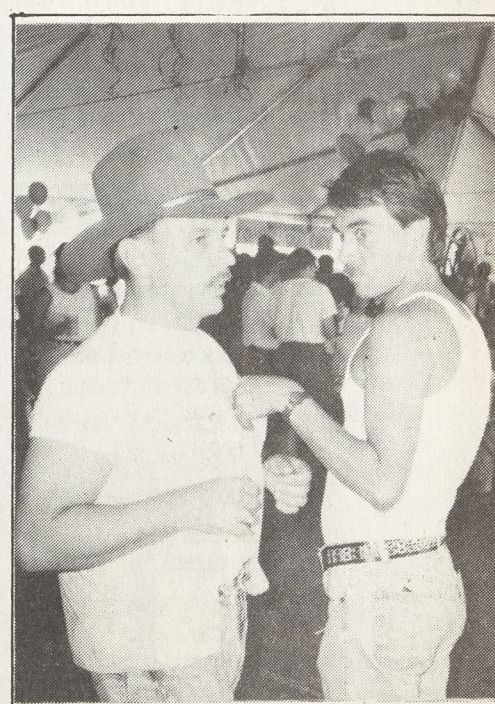


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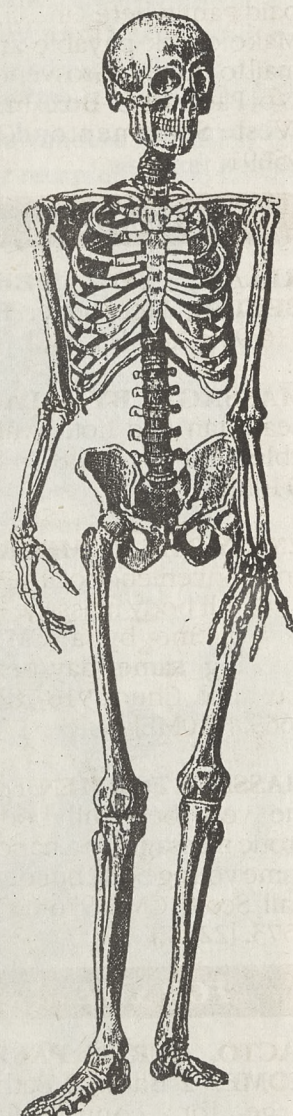
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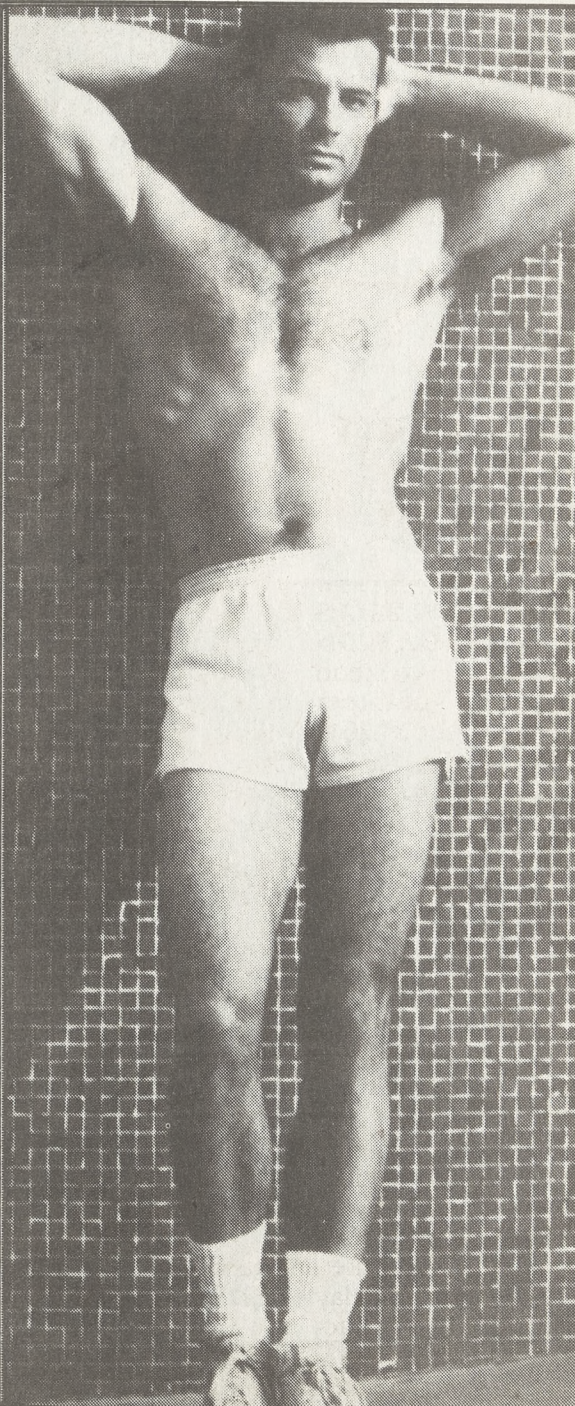
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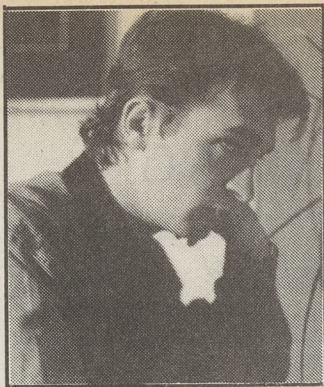


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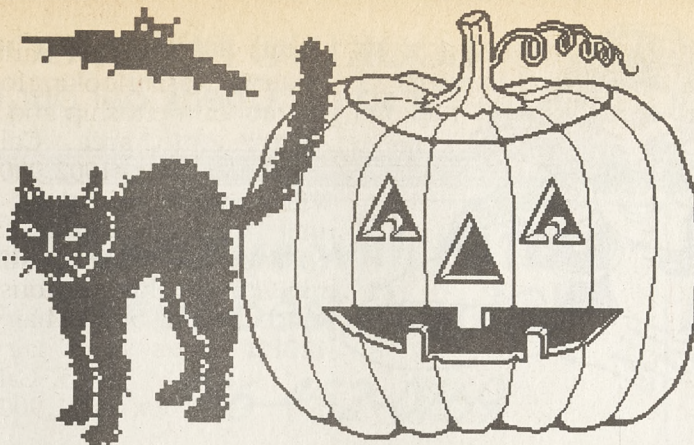
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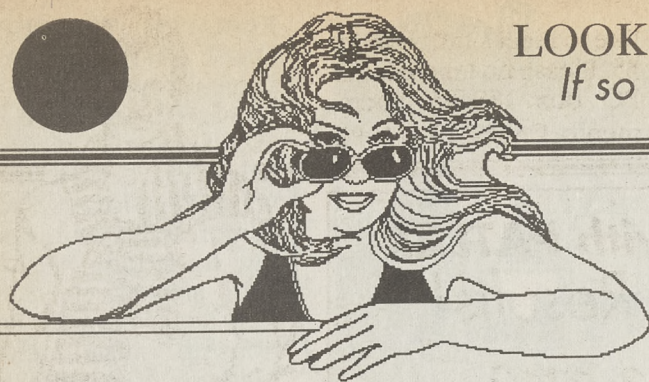
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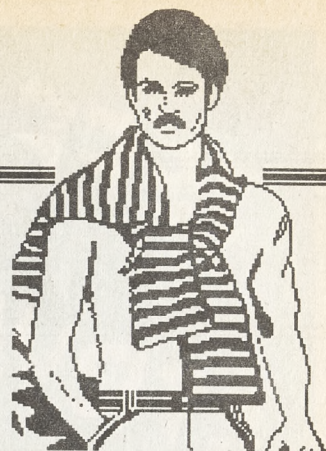
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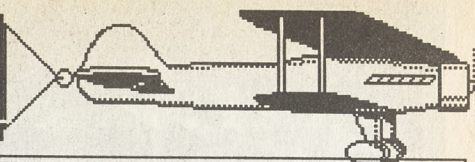


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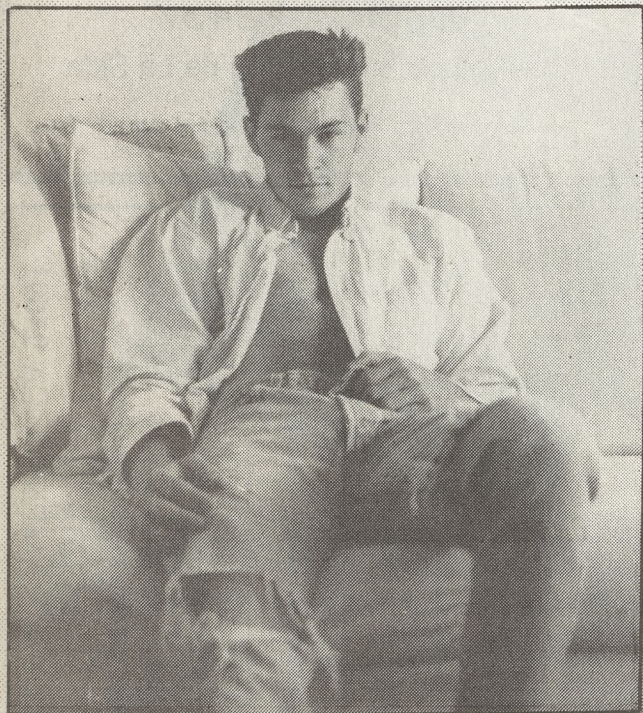
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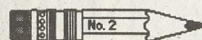


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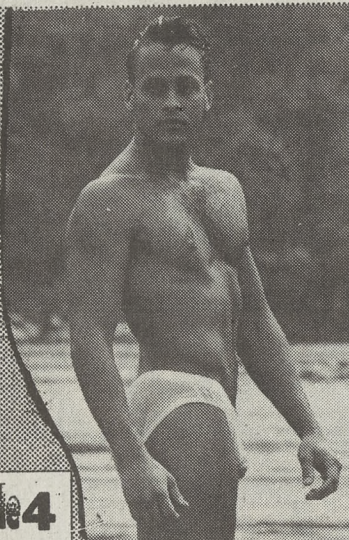
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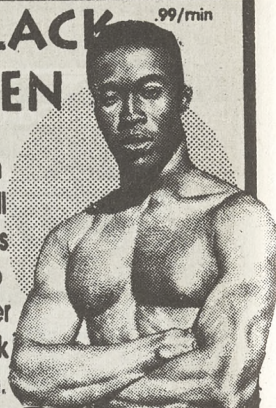
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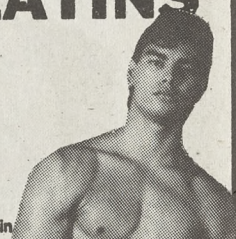


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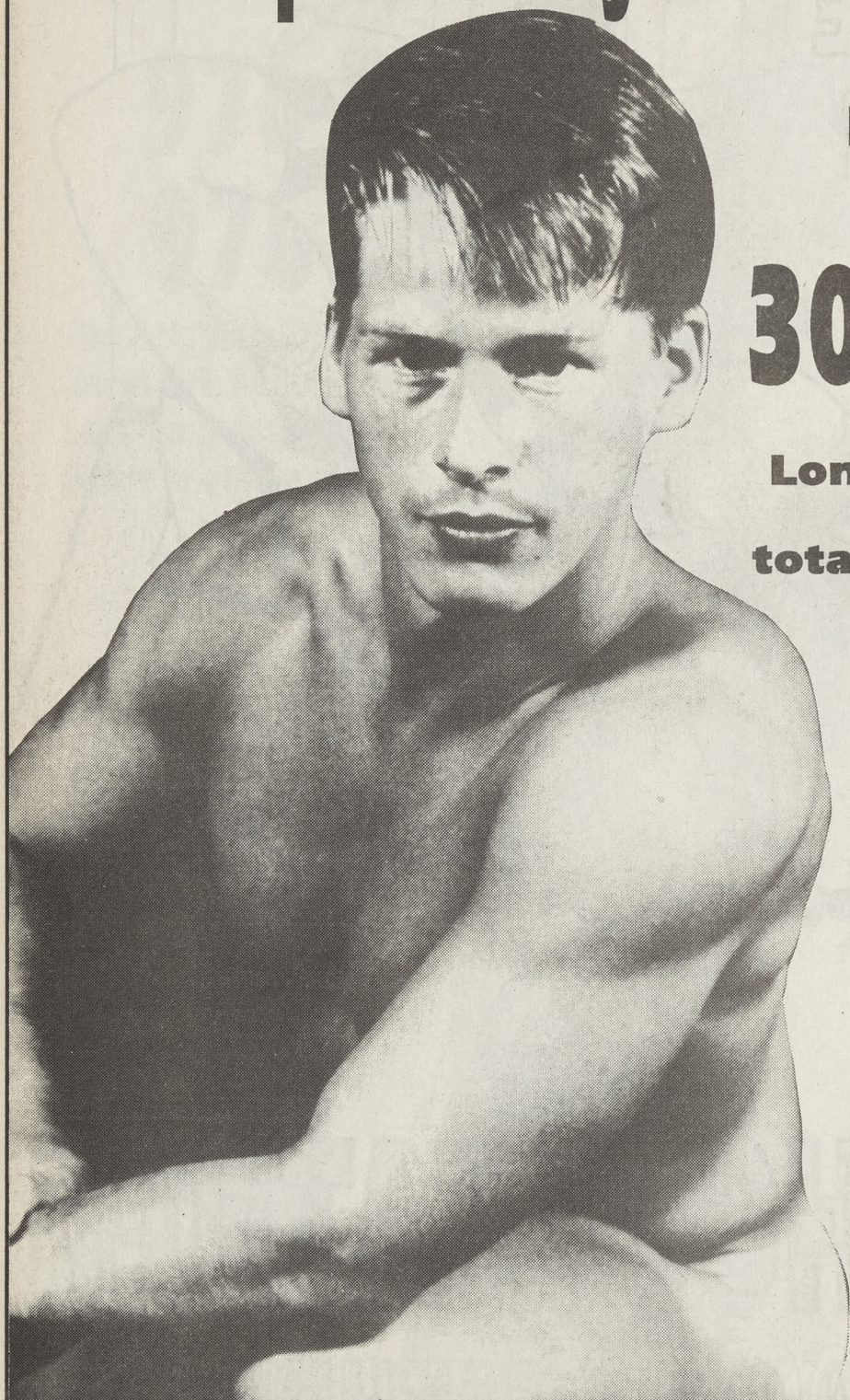
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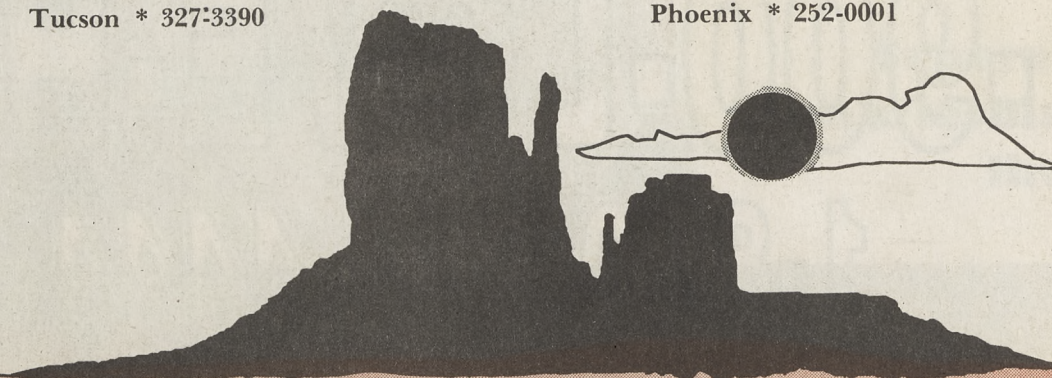
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